



President's Message

Welcome back to school year 2007-2008!!!

For many of you, this is your first year of teaching, while many more of you are coming back as a “new teacher” because you have been away from teaching for awhile. Then there are those of you for whom this may be your last year of teaching. Wherever you fall in the great spectrum of being an educator, this coming year holds many exciting and special events. For me, this year represents the end of a huge phase of my life with my last child finishing her “adventures” in public education. Several of you, my awesome, fellow peers, had a hand in those amazing and exciting adventures. I want to use this forum to applaud the FACS teachers at Canyon View Jr. High and Orem High School for your talents and for your enthusiasm for your profession as you taught my daughter Amy in her FACS classes throughout her sojourn of school.

One of my favorite creators or artists is Mary Engelbreit. In the forward of her book “Words for Teachers to Live By,” she comments, “How many people’s work has the power to affect the lives of hundreds—even thousands—of others? For teachers, this is most certainly the case. Good teachers do so much more than shepherd their charges through lesson after lesson. They challenge young imaginations and instill in children a lifelong passion for learning.”

Can I ask you to ask yourselves, “Do I inspire my students?” Are we creating and passing on the excitement of what we teach to our students? Does your passion show? Elective classes for students, especially classes in Career and Technical Education, and more specifically in Family and Consumer Sciences, **are all about the teacher**. Why do students take certain FACS classes at certain schools and not the same classes in other schools? I would like to challenge all of us to be “the teacher that all the kids want to have.” Look for ways to promote your programs and classes. Write up articles for your school newsletters and the local papers. You don’t have to start with “Good Morning America” coming to your classroom. However, that wouldn’t hurt. Just “tooting” your own horn in your own school will do wonders for **all of our** programs.

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Calendar

- *National ACTE Conference in Las Vegas December 13–14, 2007. For more information go to: www.acteonline.org/convention*
- *Winter Conference January 18-19, 2007 at UVSC & Lakeridge Junior High, 951 South 400 West, Orem, UT 84058*
- *February is CTE Month. Be sure to take this opportunity to promote your classes.*

President's Message continued

I hope everyone took the opportunity to read Kathy Croxall's message in the UAFCS October Newsletter. Her message regarding professionalism was a great reminder for all of us.

Education in whatever form opens so many doors for those who choose to open them. I'm not sure who said this, but it is a quote I have posted above my desk at school. "Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." By being a part of our professional organizations we continue to learn. I want to encourage all of you to be part of your organizations and continue in your quest to **be the best you can be**. Many people who help you in that quest donate many hours. Take advantage of the opportunities they provide.

This article was written a good month ago when there was still a good portion of the first term left to go. It is with great relief that I can say the initial cause of delay for this newsletter did not have a tragic result as so many of us feared at the time. Vivien Brown, our amazing newsletter editor suffered an incredible accident with her own car. She has quite the story to tell. Many of you may have seen the story TV channels Two and Four aired a week or so ago regarding Vivien's accident. She was "saved by the mailman." Her accident brings home to us all how precarious and short life can be. I am grateful, as are all of you I am sure, that Vivien is now recuperating and eager to be back to her normal life. We floundered with putting our newsletter together without her. She wants to be a contributing member of our board and is doing this newsletter from her home in between therapy, blood draws, and spinning wheelies in her wheelchair.

May we all have the same unfailing, positive attitude that Vivien has exhibited, under whatever circumstances we may face this year.

Rachel Gonzales
President, UATFACS



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Rachel told me I couldn't "edit" any of the last part of her message about me, but she didn't say anything about me making an editor's comment! I just wanted to thank so many of you who kept me in your thoughts, sent me emails, cards and greetings, or visited me. It is largely due to the support and love of so many wonderful people that I have had such a miraculous recovery. Thank you all. Vivien



From the UATFACS Kitchen

PUMPKIN WAFFLES

2 cups flour
2 Tbsp. baking powder
1 Tbsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. coriander
½ tsp. nutmeg or mace
¼ tsp. salt

1 cup cooked pumpkin
¾ cup melted butter
1 Tbsp. vanilla
4 egg whites beaten until stiff peaks
4 egg yolks slightly beaten
1 ½ cups milk

Sift dry ingredients. In a large bowl, lightly beat egg yolks, pumpkin, butter, and vanilla into milk. Add flour mixture to pumpkin mixture. Stir until moist. Gently fold egg whites into pumpkin mixture being careful not to over-mix.

Makes 6 nine inch waffles.

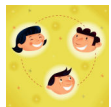
Contributed by Rachel Gonzalez's sister Aimee Allen



Top Ten Reasons to Join UATFACS



10. It is your responsibility as a professional to be apart of an organization that “goes to bat for you” at the legislative level



9. Being involved will help you network with other teachers to help you get ideas for your classes



8. You receive monthly publications helping with classroom instruction



7. The professional development conferences are put on by UACTE



6. Access to the latest news from the Legislature



5. The sweet prizes you can get at mid-winter conferences.....including chocolate



4. Tax write off



3. Helps with the publicity and promotion for FACS classes



2. Opportunity to receive awards and recognition for outstanding members



1. It's FUN!!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sue Schumacher who recently won two awards! She was named Walmart's Utah Teacher of the Year and was also given the award of ProStart Teacher of the Year for Utah by the Utah Restaurant Association.

Sue teaches Foods 1 and 2 and ProStart 1 and 2 at Pleasant Grove High School. She currently serves on the UATFACS Board as President Elect.

Way to go Sue!





Summer Conference Awards

FACS-CTE Teacher of the Year—Jean Manuela

Nomination: “She always goes the EXTRA MILE!” “She is always smiling, happy, and well prepared”

Outstanding CTE Educator of the Year—Sherry Marchant

Nomination: “She is always willing to help the teachers under her.” “She works diligently for the benefit of Granite District’s teachers and organizations.”

Outstanding New CTE Teacher of the Year—Katie Borgmeier

Nomination: “Even being a new teacher, she is always willing to share ideas and new concepts to others and help at conferences.” “She was the best first year teacher I have ever seen and just continues to get better with her creativity and great work ethic.”

Outstanding Service Award— Vivien Brown

Nomination: “Vivien works hard no matter what she does. She is always willing to help wherever needed.”

Award of Merit—Annette Pulley

Nomination: “She has influenced students over the years to make smart decisions when it comes to sexual responsibility and doing the things necessary to have healthy babies. The students absolutely LOVE her.”

Arch of Fame Award—Pam Rock

Nomination: “This woman is amazing with everything she is in charge of and still she is always so positive.”

Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award—Terry Price

Nomination: “Terry works tirelessly for the benefit of FACS teachers in the Jordan School District. She has been actively involved in setting the course for the future in Career and Technical Education not only in Jordan District but for the districts across the state.”



Jean Manuela



Annette Pulley



Katie Borgmeier



Pam Rock



Vivien Brown



Sherry Marchant

Developing Skills for a Competitive Workplace



MID- WINTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 18-19, 2008

UVSC



The UATFACS board has done an excellent job planning informative and useful classes for all FACS teachers in the state. General sessions will take place on Friday the 18th at UVSC. Classes will be held at Lakeridge Jr. High (across from UVSC) on Saturday the 19th.

More information regarding several of these classes will be coming at a later time through the list serve. This is a heads up for class offerings for FACS teachers. However, you may attend any session listed in the catalog under whatever division you would like, not just FACS.

Appliances for Busy Cooks

Pearl Hart

Freezer Meals

Darlene Christensen

Principles and Elements of Design

Wendy Cordell

All Squared Up

Debra Williams

Child Development

Camille Williams

FCCLA

Labs for Healthy Living

Dan Dentor

Stock Market Game

Russ Klein

Making Bulletin Boards with Excel

Kathy Knudsen

Using Technology in the Classroom

Julia Stanger

New Teachers Celebrating Teaching

Jennifer Rowley

Fun, Fast, and Fabulous Sewing Projects

Alison Roberts

Teaching Beginning Sewing

Lora Thompson

Special guest speaker

Alicia Richmond

“Chic on a Shoestring”

WEBSITE:

www.chiconashoestring.com



Registration materials for the conference should already have been distributed. If you have not received registration information you can go to the UACTE website at www.uacte.org for more information. UATFACS is offering two scholarships for the conference. Please see next page for application form.



Utah Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Science

Scholarship Application for UACTE Mid-Winter Conference January 18-19, 2008
at Utah Valley State College in Orem, Utah (Scholarship Covers Early Conference Registration)

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #
City State ZIP Code

Daytime

Phone: ()

E-mail Address:

Evening

Phone: ()

Cell Phone: ()

Have you attended a UACTE/UATFACS Conference in the past? YES NO Is your attendance at this conference dependent upon receiving this scholarship? YES NO

Are you a current member of UATFACS/ UACTE? YES NO Current FACS Teaching Assignment:

Please explain in the space provided how you feel attendance at the 2008 UATFACS Midwinter Conference will benefit you as a FACS Teacher

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or E-Mail Scholarship Application to:

UATFACS c/o Rachel Gonzalez (President)

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